

I transmit the **Motor Vehicles (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 1979** for the concurrence of the Legislative Council on 25th September, 1979.

(2) As required by rule 106 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Karnataka Legislative Council, I send herewith the **Karnataka (Sandur Area) and certain I nams Abolition (Amendment) Bill, 1979**, which has been agreed to by the Legislative Council on 25th September, 1979 without amendment.

MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have received another message from the Deputy Chairman, Legislative Council and it reads as follows :

“As required by rule 106 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Karnataka Legislative Council, I send herewith the following Bills which have been agreed to by the Legislative Council, without amendments on 26th September 1979.

NAME OF THE BILLS.

1. The Karnataka Silkworm Seed and Cocoon (Regulation of Production) (Supply and Distribution) (Amendment) Bill, 1979.
2. The Karnataka Ministers Salaries and Allowances (Second Amendment) Bill, 1979.
3. The Karnataka Legislature Salaries, Pensions and Allowances (Second Amendment) Bill, 1979.
4. The Karnataka Homeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 1979.”

MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Sri S. R. Bommai, Leader of the Janatha Party, regarding the recognition of his Party as.....

SRI G. P. VADEYARAJ.—Madam Speaker, I have already written a letter to you stating that we are the main opposition and we are the recognised biggest party. Regarding the relative strength of the parties I have nothing to add.

MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER.—You said that you would be sending a list. But I have not received.

SRI G. P. VADEYARAJ.—We have made out a case. Kindly look into the question I am putting forth before you. The Hon'ble Members are disturbing me and they are not allowing me to put forth my point of view. No other party is fit to be in our place. Please hear my point calmly and decide the issue.

MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER.—You have not acted according to your promise. You have never sent the list of members.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಡ್ಡಿ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಈ ಜನತಾಪಕ್ಷದವರು ಮಾತ್ರ ಈ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ (ಇ) ಪಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಯಂ ಆಗಿ ಉಳಿಯುವತರಹ ನನಗೆ ಕಾಣುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅದೇನೇ ಇದ್ದರೂ ತಾವು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಅನೌನ್ಸ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೋ ಅದನ್ನು ಈಗ ಅನೌನ್ಸ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I am quoting a portion from the Kaul and Shakdar's Book and it reads thus :

“As regards recognition of a Parliamentary Party or Group formed as a result of a combination of different parties or groups with different ideologies and programmes, as happened recently in several States where different parties or groups joined to form United Front Government or United Opposition, the Page Committee observed :

If the Constituent Group forming a party for the purpose of proper functioning of the House with a view to strengthening parliamentary democracy have a common programme of parliamentary work, a common organization, and have one Leader and one Whip to speak on their behalf inside the House, there is no objection to necessary recognition being given to that party. This applies to both the Government and Opposition Parties and no distinction can be made between a Government Party and an Opposition Party similarly formed.”

Accordingly I have taken a decision regarding the recognition.

SRI G. P. VADEYARAJ.—Before that I may be allowed to make a point clear to you.

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS.—There should be no point when the decision is to be given after quoting a relevant portion from the Kaul and Shakdar's Book. Unless you are pleased to make an announcement, his submission to the Chair in this regard will not help the House. The Chair is being objected to by the Hon'ble Member. The Chair may please make that announcement. After the announcement is made the Chair will have enough time to listen to his submission.

SRI G. P. VADEYARAJ.—The Hon'ble Minister has not read the rules. The point is that this is a question of recognition of a political party. That is the question which is before the House. I belong to a political party.

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In this connection, I may kindly be allowed to make some submission.

MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I don't think there is any confusion. If there is any confusion, we will see later.

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS.—So far as confusion is concerned, it can be clarified in your chamber. After your announcement, he can make his submission.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಆರ್. ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿಯವರು ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕನ ಸ್ಥಾನ ವನ್ನು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಗುಂಡೂರಾಯರು ಆ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ನಾವು ಗ್ರೇಸ್‌ಫುಲ್ ಆಗಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡೆವು. ಆದರೆ, ಈಗ ಕಷ್ಟ ಬಂತು ಎಂದು ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಹೀಗೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಪಿ. ವಡೆಯರಾಜ್.—ನೀವು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಶಾಮಿಲಾದೀರಿ ಆಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಿ, ನಿಮ್ಮ ಇತಿಹಾಸವೆಲ್ಲ ನನಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ನಿಮ್ಮ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ನಮಗೂ ಗೊತ್ತು. ನೀವೇನೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಹೇಳಬೇಕಾಗಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಪಿ. ಒಡೆಯರಾಜ್.—ನೀವು ಸರ್ಕಾರದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಶಾಮಿಲಾದೀರಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಆರ್. ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ.—ನೀವು ಹುಟ್ಟುವುದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮುಂಚೆಯೇ ನಾನು ಶಾಸಕನಾಗಿದ್ದೆ. ನನ್ನ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ನಿಮಗೇನು ಗೊತ್ತು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಪಿ. ಒಡೆಯರಾಜ್.—ನೀವು ಬೆಗ್ಗರ್ಸ್ ರಿಲೀಫ್ ಕಮಿಟಿಗೆ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿದ್ದೀರಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ನೀವು ಆ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಿಗೆ ಬೆಗ್ ಮಾಡಿದಿರಿ. ಆದರೆ ಅದು ಸಿಕ್ಕಿಲ್ಲ.

MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Sri S. R. Bommai, Leader of the Janata Party in the House stating that Sri B. S. Patil, Member from Basavana Bagewadi Constituency who had earlier joined the Congress (I) Party has rejoined the Janata Party. Sri B. S. Patil has also written a letter to me accordingly. Sri Bommai has further stated that the members of the M. E. S. have joined the Janata Party as associate members. Sriyuths B. B. Sayanak, B. G. Chavan, N. B. Sirdesai, G. L. Ashtekar and P. A. Pawshe have also individually written to me stating that they have become associate members of the Janata Party and will support the leadership of Sri S. R. Bommai.

In view of the changes that have taken place the strength of the Congress (I) Legislature Party in the House has come down to 41 and the strength of the Janata Party has risen to 42. Since the strength of the Janata Party is more than that of Congress (I) Party, I recognise Janata Party as the official opposition and its leader Sri S. R. Bommai as the Leader of Opposition.

(Sri S. R. Bommai occupied the seat meant for the Leader of the Opposition and Sri A. Lakshmisagar occupied the seat meant for the Deputy Leader of the Opposition).

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—Madam, I am on a Point of Order. Madam, once an announcement is made taking into consideration all the aspects relevant and bearing on the question of recognition or otherwise of a party, the decision of the Speaker shall be final and it shall not be debated upon on the floor of the House. This has been well recognised and well accepted. I don't think my learned friend Mr. G. P. Vadeyaraj would go against the well accepted principles of behaviour and conduct of members in the matter. I will quote from KAUL AND SHAKDHAR.

“Recognition of an association of members as a parliamentary party or group for the purpose of functioning in the House is accorded only by the Speaker and his decision in the matter is final. The Speaker, on his own initiative, does not accord this recognition but a formal request has to be made to him in this regard by the members concerned”.

This has been well accepted. Let us not go into the matter. Sri G. P. Vadeyaraj must also remember the graciousness with which we vacated our seats and readily agreed and consented to the announcement that was made by the Hon. Speaker that the Congress (I) had been recognised as the opposition. Even before the announcement was made, they made arrangements for allotment of seats. We did not raise any objection. It is in conformity with the rules. Let us follow some convention in the matter of recognition of a leader, which is a very transitory thing. These are matters which are within the knowledge of every one of us. Let us not fight on issues where there are no issues. I request Sri G. P. Vadeyaraj to take realities into consideration and abide by the decision.

SRI G. P. VADEYARAJ.—Regarding the Point of Order raised by my friend, I have to say something.

(Interruptions)

SRI G. P. VADAYARAJ.—So far as graciousness and behaviour is concerned, I am the last person to come in the way. It is your prerogative and you are acting under the rules. I have no dispute over the rules. I want to tell Sri A. Lakshmisagar, that if they want to become the opposition party, I have absolutely no objection. But what I was trying to bring to your kind notice is that there are certain lacunae. Even according to the rules, these are the relevant factors which will have to be taken into consideration by the Presi-

ding Officers, before announcement. Then, you were good enough to say : "I will make the announcement and then you can say anything you want." I cannot prevent my friends from occupying their seats. I cannot do it physically. In this connection, I wish to read out some rules

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—It cannot be discussed. The decision is final and irrevocable. It cannot be discussed on the Floor of the House.

SRI GOVIND P. VADEYARAJ.—This recognition has to be done under the Rules by the Hon. Speaker.

MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have gone according to facts before me but there is no point again in arguing. There is no sense even in raising a point of order.

SRI GOVIND P. VADEYARAJ.—I am not raising a point of order. I am not questioning your ruling. I am not coming in the way of exercising your power. There are some important facts which you may kindly take note of.

Madam Deputy Speaker, I am not questioning the right of the Opposition. I am not questioning any other relevant points raised by my hon.friends. If you permit me, I will point out certain things. If you don't, I have nothing to say. What I am trying to say is the Hon.Speaker, under the rules, is the authority to give recognition. Accordingly, the Hon. Speaker of the Legislative Assembly had given recognition to the Congress (I) Legislature Party as the Opposition. Page 17 of the Hand Book for Members and the Rules of Practice and Procedure in the Assembly also say that it should be done by the Speaker. Hon'ble Deputy Speaker cannot become the Speaker according to the Karnataka Legislature Salaries Act.

MADAM DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I am in the Chair. I have also powers equal to that of the Speaker. Kindly don't point out that. I have already said it.

Now the House stands adjourned Sine-die.

The House adjourned at Fifteen Minutes past Two of the Clock Sine-die.